IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE applic. of: Stephen E. Parent and Daniel L. Day)) Filed: December 14, 2004) Examiner: Taousakis Alexander P.)Group Art Unit: 3726 Serial No: 10/517,961 SPIKED PLATE FOR LOG END AND HAND For: TOOL FOR REMOVING SAME Atty. Docket No.: AD136/2001 Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CAR 1.8** THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS BEING PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, MA 22313-1450, AND DEPOSITED AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, THIS _26_ DAY OF _

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment before examination of the application.